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PREAMBLE

The present Rules for Endurance Events are the 9th edition, effective 1 January 2016. As from the aforementioned date, all other texts covering the same matter (other editions and all other official documents) issued previously are superseded.

Although this booklet sets out the detailed Rules of the FEI governing International Endurance Rides, it must be read in conjunction with the FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations and the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

Every eventuality cannot be provided for in these Rules. Additionally, in any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury and any other FEI officials to make a decision in a sporting spirit and approaching as nearly as possible to the intention of these Rules and of the FEI General Regulations.

For the sake of brevity these Rules use the masculine form; this is to be interpreted to include both genders. Terms with a capitalized first letter are defined in the Reining Rules, in the FEI General Regulations or in the Statutes.

FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. The following points must be particularly adhered to:

1. **General Welfare:**

a) Good Horse management

Stabling and feeding must be compatible with the best Horse management practices. Clean and good quality hay, feed and water must always be available.

b) Training methods

Horses must only undergo training that matches their physical capabilities and level of maturity for their respective disciplines. They must not be subjected to methods which are abusive or cause fear.

c) Farriery and tack

Foot care and shoeing must be of a high standard. Tack must be designed and fitted to avoid the risk of pain or injury.

d) Transport

During transportation, Horses must be fully protected against injuries and other health risks. Vehicles must be safe, well ventilated, maintained to a high standard, disinfected regularly and driven by competent personnel. Competent handlers must always be available to manage the Horses.

e) Transit

All journeys must be planned carefully, and Horses allowed regular rest periods with access to food and water in line with current FEI guidelines.

2. **Fitness to compete:**

a) Fitness and competence

Participation in Competition must be restricted to fit Horses and Athletes of proven competence. Horses must be allowed suitable rest period between training and Competitions; additional rest periods should be allowed following travelling.

b) Health status

No Horse deemed unfit to compete may compete or continue to compete, Veterinary advice must be sought whenever there is any doubt.

c) Doping and Medication

Any action or intent of doping and illicit use of medication constitute a serious welfare issue and will not be tolerated. After any Veterinary treatment, sufficient time must be allowed for full recovery before Competition.

d) Surgical procedures

Any surgical procedures that threaten a competing Horse's welfare or the safety of other Horses and/or Athletes must not be allowed.

e) Pregnant/recently foaled mares

Mares must not compete after their fourth month of pregnancy or with foal at foot.

f) Misuse of aids

Abuse of a Horse using natural riding aids or artificial aids (e.g. whips, spurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.

3. Events must not prejudice Horse welfare:

a) Competition areas

Horses must be trained and compete on suitable and safe surfaces. All obstacles and Competition conditions must be designed with the safety of the Horse in mind.

b) Ground surfaces

All ground surfaces on which Horses walk, train or compete must be designed and maintained to reduce factors that could lead to injury.

c) Extreme weather

Competitions must not take place in extreme weather conditions that may compromise welfare or safety of the Horse. Provision must be made for cooling conditions and equipment for Horses after competing.

d) Stabling at Events

Stables must be safe, hygienic, comfortable, well ventilated and of sufficient size for the type and disposition of the Horse. Washing-down areas and water must always be available.

4. Humane treatment of Horses:

a) Veterinary treatment

Veterinary expertise must always be available at an Event. If a Horse is injured or exhausted during a Competition, the Athlete must stop competing and a Veterinary evaluation must be performed.

b) Referral centres

Wherever necessary, Horses should be collected by ambulance and transported to the nearest relevant treatment centre for further assessment and therapy. Injured Horses must be given full supportive treatment before being transported.

c) Competition injuries

The incidence of injuries sustained in Competition should be monitored. Ground surface conditions, frequency of Competitions and any other risk factors should be examined carefully to indicate ways to minimise injuries.

d) Euthanasia

If injuries are sufficiently severe a Horse may need to be euthanized on humane grounds by a Veterinarian as soon as possible, with the sole aim of minimising suffering.

e) Retirement

Horses must be treated sympathetically and humanely when they retire from Competition.

5. **Education:**

The FEI urges all those involved in equestrian sport to attain the highest possible levels of education in areas of expertise relevant to the care and management of the Competition Horse.

This Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse may be modified from time to time and the views of all are welcomed. Particular attention will be paid to new research findings and the FEI encourages further funding and support for welfare studies.

CHAPTER I THE COMPETITION

Article 800 – GENERAL

Codex For Athletes and Registered Trainers Competing in FEI Endurance Events

1. This Codex recognises two distinct roles associated with the preparation and participation of Horses in FEI Endurance Competitions: Athlete and Trainer.
2. For the purpose of this Codex, the "Athlete" is defined as the Athlete of the Horse in the Competition.
3. For the purpose of this Codex, the "Trainer" is defined as the person who is in charge of the preparation of the Horse both physically and mentally for Competition.
4. Prior to the Event, the Trainer is responsible for the conditioning of the Horse for the Competition which involves the exercise programme, nutrition of the Horse, seeking appropriate Veterinary care and the administration of therapeutic substances under Veterinary advice.
5. In many circumstances, the Athlete, will be the Athlete and the Trainer of the Horse.
6. To be successful, both the Athlete and the Trainer must have knowledge of pace and the efficient and safe use of the Horse across country and must be continually aware of both human and equine safety.
7. The Athlete and Trainer must not enter a Horse for Competition or compete a Horse that is suffering from an illness, injury or is receiving medication that would adversely affect or enhance the Horses' ability to compete.
8. The FEI requires all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the Horse must be paramount. Welfare of the Horse must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.
9. The Athlete and the Trainer must have knowledge of the FEI Endurance Rules, the FEI Veterinary Regulations and FEI Equine Anti-Doping, Human Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations in addition to an awareness of the FEI General Regulations. They must ensure that they are aware of any annual changes, regularly reviewing the FEI Endurance Rules, FEI Veterinary Regulations and support a Clean Sport.
10. The Athlete and Trainer must abide by these rules and regulations in the preparation for and during Competition.
11. The FEI has the right to undertake disciplinary actions against an Athlete or Trainer who does not follow this Codex and FEI Rules and Regulations, to the detriment of the welfare of the Horse and the integrity of the sport.
12. When Endurance Horses are registered with the FEI, the name of the Trainer for that Horse must also be registered and a registration fee paid. Where the FEI Registered Trainer is also a registered Athlete then no additional registration fee is charged. Any change of Trainer for an FEI registered Horse must be notified to the FEI and the Trainer Registration updated accordingly.

- 800.1 Endurance Riding is a Competition to test the Athlete's ability to safely manage the stamina and fitness of the Horse over an endurance course in a Competition against the track, the distance, the climate, the terrain and the clock.
- 800.1.1 The most important responsibility of the Technical Delegate, Ground Jury, Stewards, Veterinary Commission, Chef d'Equipe, Team Veterinarian, Trainer and Grooms and the absolute responsibility of the Athlete is to ensure the health and welfare of the Horse by diligent application of their skill together with a caring, knowledgeable attitude by the Athlete.
- 800.1.2 To be successful, the Athlete must have knowledge of pace and the efficient and safe use of the Horse across country.
- 800.1.3 In an Endurance Competition any member of the Genus Equus counts as a "Horse".
- 800.2 The Competition consists of a number of phases.
- 800.2.1 No phase may exceed 40 km and should, in principle, be not less than 20 km in length, and cannot be less than 16km.
- 800.2.2 At the end of each phase, there will be a compulsory halt for Veterinary inspection. The Foreign Veterinary Delegate and the President of the Veterinary Commission and the President of the Ground Jury should be advised on the distance of each phase and consulted on the hold times in each Vet Gate(s).
- 800.2.3 Distances of 80km to 119km must have at least two Vet Gates plus the final inspection (three phases).
Distances of 120 km to 139km must have at least three Vet Gates plus the final inspection (four phases).
Distances of 140 km to 160 km should have at least five Vet Gates plus the final inspection. (6 phases) There is a possibility to reduce this to 5 phases subject to the recommendation of the Technical Delegate and the approval of the President of the Veterinary Commission.
- 800.2.4 Phases may be spread over one or more days.
- 800.2.5 Each phase of an Endurance Competition must be separated by a compulsory rest period, or hold time.
- 800.2.6 Each day of an Endurance Competition must be divided into at least three phases, separated by a Veterinary inspection and a compulsory rest period, or hold time.
- 800.2.7 In every Endurance Competition, there shall be at least one hold no shorter than 40 minutes.
- 800.2.8 The hold for all phases must meet a minimum ratio of 1 minute per 1 km, ie: following a 35 km phase, a minimum hold time of 35 minutes.
- 800.2.9 The maximum scheduled hold time for a single hold in a one-day vent shall be 60 minutes, and in 3-Star or above Events there shall be at least one hold of at least 50 minutes.
- 800.2.10 Also, hold times in Vet Gates requiring compulsory re-inspections must be a minimum of 40 minutes, and for such re-inspections Horses are required to present no earlier than 15 minutes prior to their departure time.
- 800.3 Whatever the order and rules for starting, each Competitor must carry out the whole Competition as if he/she were alone and competing against the clock.
- 800.4 The combination that finishes the course in the shortest time will be classified as the winner of the Competition after successfully completing all final Veterinary Inspections and medication control as well as other protocols in place for the safety of the Horse and Athlete under these Rules, the FEI General

Regulations or the FEI Veterinary Regulations or any other FEI Rules and Regulations. Competitions shall be organised to allow Athletes to establish their own pace to compete against the clock, subject to:

- 800.4.1 Adverse Conditions: should adverse conditions on course or other considerations such as high humidity, high temperatures arise which might compromise the opportunity to safely complete a course, the Organising Committee (OC) in consultation with the Gate Technical Delegate may establish a maximum time for a section of the course or a phase of Competition and/or the closing times for one or more Vet Gates, in order to ensure Athletes are not falling too far behind the actual pace of the ride and to ensure Horse safety.
- 800.4.2 Trail Safety: conversely, in circumstances related to trail safety, the OC in consultation with the Technical Delegate may establish sections of a course where controlled gaits of the Horse and/or maximum speed apply. However, this will depend on the given circumstances of a specific course as well as time of day and generally should not exceed 5 km at any one time or 5% of the course. Generally, there should not be more than one section under controlled speed and/or set pace per phase of the course, and never in the final phase.

Article 801 - THE COURSE/'Field of Play

- 801.1 The Technical Delegate and FEI Course designer (when appointed) shall consult with the OC to assist in creating a technically challenging course across country within the limits provided by the terrain and weather conditions, to include changes in the footing, that will test the stamina and riding skills of the combination, but not compromise the welfare of the Horse.
- 801.2 The course should include naturally occurring or manmade features such as (but not exclusive to) tracks, ditches, steep climbs, descents and water crossings that implements technically challenging factors including but not limited to: footing, terrain, altitude, direction and speed.
- 801.3 The type of terrain and altitude differentials must be clearly indicated in the schedule of the Competition.
- 801.4 The course must not contain more than 10% of hard surface public access roads intended for vehicular use.
- 801.4.1 Under the absolute control of the Course Designer or Technical Delegate loops of the course must not be specially designed and constructed for speeds likely to subject the Horses to increased risk of injury during Competition.
- 801.5 The more demanding part of the course should be earlier in the ride.
- 801.6 The distance of the phases shall be determined by the OC and must be published in the schedule.
- 801.7 As far as possible those technical challenges must be left in their natural state. If necessary, they should be reinforced so that they remain in the same state throughout the Competition.
- 801.8 The finish must be long and wide enough to enable several Horses to finish at speed without interfering with each other, and must provide sufficient run-out

to allow Athletes to safely come to a stop after crossing the finishing line in any potential sprint or gallop. It must be situated as close to the Vet Gate as possible.

- 801.8.1 The "field of play" is defined as; the defined course (loops or phases), the defined crewing areas on course or within the Vet Gate, the Vet examination area and the hold area at or within the Vet Gate. For Championships, there will be restricted access to the field of play as defined in the schedule.
- 801.8.2 The maximum number of grooms allowed within the Vet Gates will be 5 per Horse to take into account availability of space and to ensure that the Horse is allowed sufficient space to rest. Access to the Vet Gate and the Vet Gate examination area may be further restricted by the OC under advice from the Technical Delegate. Such restrictions must be clearly shown in the FEI approved schedule. The right of the groom to access the Vet Gates is lost upon removal of the applicable Horse from the Competition.
- 801.8.3 All Horses must remain at all times to be capable of being clearly observed by FEI Veterinary Officials, Ground Jury and Stewards. No screens, no equipment or barrier of any kind may be used to prevent such observation under penalty of disqualification and a Yellow Card Warning.

Article 802 - MARKING OF THE COURSE

- 802.1 General Requirement: the marking of the course must be done in such a manner that there is no doubt on how to proceed along the course. The markings can be flags, ribbons, indicators, lime, paint etc.
- 802.2 Order of Course: the Competitor must complete the entire course in the correct order and direction as marked on the map referred to in Article 802.6.
- 802.3 Errors on Course: any error of course must be corrected from the place where the error has started under penalty of disqualification. Alternatively, if correcting a course error is not feasible and/or in the best interest of the Horse, the Ground Jury may determine an alternative which will require the combination to complete an equivalent distance over the same type of terrain, such distance to be made up within a single phase thereby ensuring the Competitor still passes through each Vet Gate in the correct order and within the time limits in force. In such cases the combination will receive a completion classification only. The Athlete and Horse may earn a Certificate of Capability or meet other Qualification Criteria with such a performance, but may not be considered for the Best Condition award or for contribution to team scoring or individual classification for placing.
- 802.4 Boundary Flags: boundary flags or other acceptable indicators must be used to mark defined sections of the course, and to mark the start and finish lines. Such flags or indicators, etc. must be respected wherever they may occur in the course under penalty of disqualification. Whenever a short cut is possible on the course the OC must place a steward to control that the obligatory passage is respected.
- 802.5 Trail Markers: direction flags or signs are intended to show the general direction and path to be taken to help Athletes to find their way. They must be placed so that Athletes can recognise them without loss of time. A distance marker should be placed every 10 km.

- 802.6 Plan of the Course: each Athlete will, in advance, be given access to a map or plan showing the track of the course and the location of any compulsory halts or obligatory obstacles. In Championships or 4-Star Events, OCs must also provide copies of such maps or plans to each Competitor.
- 802.7 Start and Finish: the start and finish of each phase must be clearly and distinctly marked with the appropriate signs.

Article 803 – PLAN OF THE COURSE

- 803.1 Map: a map in a scale of at least 1:50'000 should be available to Athletes when the course is finalised, preferably at the ride briefing and certainly before the start of the ride.
- 803.2 Completion of Course Design: the course of an Endurance Competition should be officially established at least 7 days before the Competition begins and approved by the Technical Delegate prior to handing over to the Ground Jury.

Article 804 - MODIFICATION TO THE COURSE AND RESCHEDULING/DELAY OR ABANDONMENT OF EVENTS

- 804.1 Course Modification: after the course has been officially established, no alteration shall be made without the approval of the Technical Delegate and the Ground Jury.
- 804.2 Rescheduling/Delay of Event: in exceptional circumstances, as set out generally in Article 804.2.4, an event may be rescheduled or delayed in start by:
- 804.2.1 Advance of Event (Up to an hour before First Veterinary Inspection): a decision of the Technical Delegate in consultation with a representative of the OC, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the President of the Veterinary Commission and the President of the Ground Jury.
- 804.2.2 After commencement of the Event: a decision of the President of the Ground Jury in consultation with the Ground Jury, a representative of the OC, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the President of the Veterinary Commission, and the Technical Delegate.
- 804.2.3 OC Responsibility: OCs are encouraged in all event planning to anticipate the possibility of the need to either delay the start of an event by up to 30 hours and/or to reschedule completely. In CEIO, 4-Star and Championship events, the OC should include reference to such potential in its Schedule.
- 804.2.4 Exceptional Circumstances: such Exceptional Circumstances are those which arise on short notice and can be reasonably foreseen to produce unreasonable and unfair risks to Athlete and/or Horses during the conduct of the Event. Examples and advice for determining such shall be provided in the Endurance Notes for Guidance.
- 804.3 Abandonment of Event: when catastrophic occurrences or circumstances arise at or during an Event, as set out generally in Article 804.3.4, an Event may be abandoned whereby:
- 804.3.1 Advance of Event (up to an hour before First Veterinary Inspection): A decision of the Technical Delegate in consultation with a representative of the OC, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the President of the Veterinary Commission and the President of the Ground Jury.

- 804.3.2 After commencement of the Event: A decision of the President of the Ground Jury in consultation with the Ground Jury, a representative of the OC, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the President of the Veterinary Commission, and the Technical Delegate.
- 804.3.3 OC Responsibility: OCs are encouraged in all Event planning to anticipate the possibility of the need to abandon an Event and evacuate the venue.
- 804.3.4 Catastrophic Occurrences or Circumstances: those which arise on short notice and are determined to dangerously risk Athlete and/or Horse safety, and which cannot be avoided through Course Modification, Rescheduling or Delay of the Event. Examples and advice for determining such shall be provided in the Endurance Notes for Guidance.
- 804.4 Nature of Endurance: in all cases it should be remembered that this discipline anticipates Competition over and in challenging terrain, weather and circumstances as a test of endurance, and so delay, rescheduling and abandonment should be used only as extraordinary remedies.
- 804.5 Notifications: in any case noted above, the Athletes and/or the Chefs d'Equipe, as well as the OC, Timing Team and all Event Officials should be officially and personally informed as soon as practicable of the decision, certainly before the start or before the phase concerned.

Article 805 - METHOD OF STARTING

- 805.1 Horses must not cross the starting line before the signal is given.
- 805.2 If a combination makes a start which is in any way false, under penalty of disqualification the combination must return and re-cross the start line. However, their starting time will be recorded as if they had started when originally given the signal.
- 805.3 The starting time of any Athlete who does not present himself/herself on time for start is recorded as if they had started on time. No Competitor may start later than 15 minutes after the official starting time under penalty of disqualification.
- 805.4 A mass start may not be used on following day(s) in multi-day Events. Combinations should start the following day with the same time interval difference as noted at finishing the day before. This will continue for a period of time i.e. one hour, to be set at the discretion of the President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate in consultation with the OC. Thereafter those remaining will start together.

Article 806 – TIME AND RECORD KEEPING

- 806.1 As timing plays such an important part in the Competition, OCs must ensure that each Athlete's start and finish time for each timed phase is accurately noted and recorded by properly qualified persons using synchronised time-keeping methods (See Endurance Notes for Guidance).

- 806.2 Each Athlete will be issued a time card or acceptable and reliable alternative for each phase (See Endurance Notes for Guidance).
- 806.3 OCs must arrange for alternative power sources and back-up record-keeping for timing and all recorded information when electronic systems (recommended at 3* Events or higher) are the primary methodologies. Time keeping systems with Stewards to monitor and/or timekeepers are required at the start and finish of each timed phase to record the times of each Athlete.
- 806.4 Time is counted from the instant the signal is given to start until the instant when a combination crosses the finish line.
- 806.5 The Veterinary Gate system at compulsory halts must be used. (See Endurance Notes for Guidance).
- 806.6 At Vet Gates, the timing of the combination's presentation for inspection must be performed in such a manner to avoid any delay to a Competitor's timing caused by the arrival of several Horses simultaneously for inspection.

Article 807 – COMPETITION & FAIR PLAY

- 807.1 An Athlete may lead or follow their Horse on course, but must be mounted to pass through the start of any day and the finish line of the day's final phase under penalty of disqualification.
- 807.2 An Athlete who does not respect any given time limits will be deemed to have failed to qualify for the next phase or final classification.
- 807.3 On the course, no other person may lead or ride the Horse once the combination has started under penalty of disqualification.
- 807.4 Wilful obstruction of an overtaking combination by a slower combination is penalised by disqualification. This is not to prevent Competition between Athletes on course for placing, but is intended to apply in situations where the slower combination is being lapped or passed due to travelling at a significantly slower pace or because of other problems of refusal or equipment issues.
- 807.5 A combination who fails to qualify for the next phase of Competition or is disqualified for any reason must leave the course at once and has no right to continue unless there is no viable alternative and only after being approved by a member of the Ground Jury or, if not available, a Steward.
- 807.6 Permitted Assistance During Event or On Course:
- 807.6.1 The Event Schedule shall specify where assistance (crewing) is allowed both within Vet Gates and on course during an Event.
- 807.6.2 Combinations must have access to water on course at least every 10 kms.
- 807.6.3 In any case including while on course, for example after a fall or if the Athlete is separated from their Horse, or in the case of loose or lost Horseshoes, a combination may be assisted.

- 807.6.4 For other Permitted Assistance that is allowed please see Endurance Notes for Guidance. The Event Schedule shall be determinative for each Event.
- 807.7 Forbidden Assistance: the types of activities set out below at Articles 807.7.1 to 807.7.8 (inclusive) are forbidden and the Athlete and/or the Registered Trainer is subject to the sanction applicable to each activity, as listed beside each activity
- 807.7.1 Being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course by any bicycle, pedestrian or an Athlete not in the Competition under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.
- 807.7.2 Providing aid on any part of the course not specifically designated for such aid under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.
- 807.7.3 Accepting aid on any part of the course by someone not authorised to provide it under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.
- 807.7.4 Being followed, preceded or accompanied on any part of the course or immediate adjacent access track as defined (see notes for guidance) by any vehicle (notwithstanding art. 807.6.1) under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.
- 807.7.5 A third party encouraging a Horse during the trot in a Vet Gate under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.
- 807.7.6 Someone on course encouraging the Horse by any means whatsoever under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card and disqualification.
- 807.7.7 Cutting wire fences, or altering a part of an enclosure on or within the course so as to clear a way or to cut down trees or eliminate challenges or alter technical aspects of the course under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card.
- 807.7.8 Accepting any intervention by a third party, whether solicited or not, with the object of giving advantage to the Athlete or their Horse under penalty of a Yellow Warning Card and disqualification.

Article 808 - SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION

- 808.1 In the schedule which is published by the OC of any CEI Event, it is not necessary to repeat the FEI General Regulations or the FEI Rules for Endurance Riding. It is sufficient to give the category of the Competition, the distances, the speeds, time limit and the possible time limit for each phase, method of classification, rules for starting, method used for marking the course, procedures at compulsory halts, outline of the course (to include changes in altitude) and of possible obstacles.
- 808.2 For additional specifics related to Endurance Schedules, please refer to the Endurance Notes for Guidance.
- 808.3 In addition to the conditions of the Competition (closing date for entries, place and time of start, number and length of compulsory halts, entry fees and prizes), it will be usual to include such administrative arrangements as transport facilities, accommodation for Athletes and grooms, stabling, forage etc.

Article 809 – DRESS CODE

- 809.1 Protective headgear, of a recognised equestrian/endurance standard and securely fastened, is compulsory for all persons at all Endurance Events whilst mounted.

809.2 Safe riding footwear with heels of 12 mm or more, or alternatively caged/boxed stirrups/equestrian safety stirrups are compulsory for all persons at all Endurance events whilst mounted.

809.3 Dress, that is appropriate and not detrimental to the image of Endurance Riding, is required at all CEIs.

At all FEI Events it is compulsory to wear the following dress:

809.3.1 For those taking part in pre-ride 1st Inspection/Opening Ceremonies, Best Condition and Awards/Prize-giving Ceremonies,

- Athlete: Smart Pressed Team or Individual Riding uniforms.
- Team Officials, Grooms, Crews: Smart Pressed Team or Individual uniforms.
- FEI Officials: Smart Clothing to include jacket and tie where applicable,
- Shorts or sandals are unacceptable standards of dress and will not be allowed.

809.3.2 During the actual ride:

- Athlete: Appropriate riding attire, shirt/polo shirt to include a collar.
- Team Officials, Grooms, Crews: Smart Team or Individual attire. No shorts within the Vet Inspection area, or sandals allowed within the 'Field of Play' (safety).
- Officials: Smart working attire, no shorts or sandals.

809.3.3 FEI General Regulations with regard to advertising applies.

Article 810 - SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT

In principle, there is no restriction on saddlery however it must be in safe condition and fit the Horse. (refer also to FEI Veterinary Regulations); Any type of rein that may unduly restrict the free movement of the head of the Horse, including, but not limited to Draw (Running) Reins/French Reins are forbidden.

810.1 Specific safety equipment, such as reflective items or otherwise, may be required as indicated in the schedule of the Competition.

810.2 Whips (or the use of any other item as a whip) and Spurs are prohibited.

810.3 The use of mobile phones and GPS devices are permitted. All other forms of communication devices must be approved by the Ground Jury prior to Competition.

810.4 FEI General Regulations with regard to advertising applies.

810.5 **The horses' ears should be free of any inserts or attachments.** Ear of horses should not be clogged. Ear plugs are forbidden. Blinkers may be allowed but must permit full forward vision, without modification, and must be removed during the vet gates. Definition of blinkers shall be provided in the Endurance Notes for Guidance

Article 811 – CRUELTY

- 811.1 Any act or series of actions which, in the opinion of the Ground Jury can clearly be defined as cruelty or abuse shall be penalised by disqualification and as otherwise allowed under the GRs, and the individual concerned shall be reported to the FEI.
- 811.2 Reports of such actions must be accompanied whenever possible by the signatures and addresses of witnesses of the actions. The reports must be given to the Ground Jury or the Secretary of the OC as soon as possible.

Article 812 – WEIGHTS

- 812.1 At all senior CEI4* Championship, the minimum riding weight for Athletes must be 75kg to include all riding equipment (Article812.6).
- 812.2 At senior CEI3* the minimum riding weight **is** 75 kg - details to be clearly shown on the approved ride schedule.
- 812.3 At CEI 1* and 2* alternative weight divisions or gender divisions may be allowed, subject to prior approval by the FEI, and must be clearly specified in the FEI schedule
- 812.4 There shall be no minimum weight in Young Rider and/or Junior Competitions.
- 812.5 When a minimum weight is required, weight control must be carried out before the start and, where applicable, after the finish and may take place at random during the event.
- 812.6 Athletes must be weighed out and, where necessary, be weighed with all riding equipment (excluding bridle). The Athlete must maintain the minimum riding weight at all times during the riding phases under penalty of disqualification. It is the Athlete's responsibility to weigh immediately after crossing the finish line if requested to do so by an FEI Official.
- 812.7 OCs must provide a reliable weighing machine with recalibration capability.

Article 813 – CLASSIFICATION

- 813.1 Individuals: in an endurance Competition, the winner is the combination with the shortest elapsed riding time who successfully passes or complies with all protocols and requirements, including but not limited to the final Veterinary examination. The schedule of the Competition must clearly define the method of classification.
- 813.2 Teams: the winning team is the team with the best time after adding the final classification of the three highest placed combinations in the team. In the case of a tie, the winning team will be the one whose third combination has the best

time. In the event there are fewer than 3 members of a team who are classified, such teams are not eligible for team placing.

- 813.3 Dead Heat: when two or more combinations, who started together, have the same total elapsed riding time, they are classified according to their respective passage across the finish line.
- 813.4 Disqualification, Retirement or Failure to Qualify for the next Phase:
- 813.4.1 Disqualification: occurs when an Athlete is penalized by the Ground Jury and removed from further Competition for a violation of these Rules, the FEI General Regulations, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, or the Schedule.
- 813.4.2 Failure to Qualify for the Next Phase: results when a combination is removed from Competition for failure to successfully pass a Veterinary inspection, to complete the full course as required, or to meet all time requirements for presentation or completion.
- 813.4.3 Retirement: results when an Athlete voluntarily withdraws from Competition, but may only be considered voluntary and a Retirement when: the combination has correctly finished all phases to that point; the combination has completed its most recent phase by passing all required Veterinary inspections following that phase, including compulsory re-inspection or Veterinary requested re-inspection; and, Article 813, herein, has not otherwise provided for removal from Competition.
- 813.5 All Horses removed from active Competition, voluntarily or otherwise and at any point within the event, must be presented for Veterinary inspection either by the FEI Veterinary Commission or the FEI Treatment Veterinary Panel within 30 minutes of removal unless FEI Veterinary permission is granted for the Horse's immediate transfer from the field of play to a pre authorised treatment facility and the Horse's Veterinary records updated accordingly. Failure to comply will result in the issuing of a Yellow Warning Card to the Athlete or Registered Trainer and the imposition of a mandatory rest period for the Horse of sixty days.

CHAPTER II DEFINITION OF ENDURANCE EVENTS

Article 814 - CATEGORIES OF ENDURANCE RIDES

International Endurance Rides are divided into:

- CEI (Concours de Raid d'Endurance International),
- CEIO (Concours de Raid d'Endurance International Officiel).

The International Endurance Rides specified below are governed by the FEI General Regulations and the FEI Veterinary Regulations and by the Rules herein. They are divided into:

814.1 CEI Events

814.1.1 They must comply with the requirements of the FEI General Regulations and the FEI Endurance Rules.

814.1.2 In these Rides, there must only be an official individual classification.

814.1.3 Where there is a team Competition, it may not be considered as an Official Team Competition and each member of the team will automatically be considered as an individual Competitor. The number of teams which can be accepted is at the discretion of the OC. Teams may consist of three to five Athletes, not necessarily of the same nationality, details to be indicated in the approved schedule.

814.1.4 These rides may be held in conjunction with wider national or FEI approved series or programs, with approval of the FEI, in consultation with the Technical Committee, which shall reserve the right to require the series or program be run under CEIO or CEI-4 Star requirements, regardless of distances.

814.1.5 CEIs are defined in the FEI Calendar. CEIs are divided into four different star levels as follows:

814.1.5.1 **4 Star:** Senior Championships of a minimum of 160 km in one day, Young Horse Championships for 7 year olds – maximum distance 130kms, Junior and Young Rider Championships of a minimum of 120 km, maximum of 130km in one day. Regional Championships where the OC can apply for a change of distance to take into account local climatic or other conditions. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.

814.1.5.2 **3 Star:** All rides of 140 km – 160 km in one day, or 90-100 km per day over 2 days, or 70- 80 km per day over 3 days or more. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.

814.1.5.3 **2 Star:** All rides between 120 km and 139 km in one day or between 70 km and 89 km per day over two days. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.

814.1.5.4 **1 Star:** (Low Level Event) All rides between 80 km and 119 km in one day. Maximum Pulse at Vet Gates: 64 bpm within 20 minutes.

814.1.5.5 At the Final Inspection, the Maximum Pulse shall be 64 bpm within 30 minutes.

814.1.5.6 To compete in any FEI Sanctioned Event all Athletes and Horses must be registered with the FEI as per FEI General Regulations.

814.1.6 The FEI may create special categories of rides and apply specific CEI Star system requirements for officials and eligibility to participate, regardless of distance for emerging programs in developing nations or regions or for purposes of research

into future needs for changes to these Rules, including alteration of weight divisions or special categories or divisions within Competitions. In such cases, there will be requests made for ongoing input from NFs and the FEI Veterinary Committee.

- 814.1.7 The FEI will determine, in consultation with the FEI Technical Committee, OC and applicable NFs what Star system requirements to apply to World Cup rides or finals, as well as to national, regional, continental or world series of rides or multiple ride cup programs.
- 814.1.8 The pulse criteria may be reduced during the ride if, in the opinion of the President of the Veterinary Commission in consultation with the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the President of the Ground Jury and the Technical Delegate they believe there is a danger to the safety of the Horses.

814.2 CEIOs

- 814.2.1 CEIOs must comply with the requirements laid down in the FEI General Regulations and the Endurance Rules.
- 814.2.2 At a CEIO, there must be an individual and a team classification. Each nation may enter only one team. A minimum of three teams is necessary for the team Competition to be considered as an official team Competition. Each team must be composed of a minimum of three combinations. The three best results will be considered for the final classification. In the event that less than three members of a team are classified, such a team shall not be eligible to be placed as a classified Team, even if it leaves medal or award places vacant.

814.3 Regional Games

Endurance Rides at the Regional Games must comply with the requirements laid down by the various International Olympic Committee affiliated Regional Games Associations, as well these Rules and the FEI General Regulations.

Article 815 - ELIGIBILITY

- 815.1 Any person from the year in which he/she reaches his/her 14th birthday and who is duly authorised by his/her National Federation is eligible to take part in all Endurance Rides (CEIs, CEIOs and Championships – Senior and Junior/Young Rider).
- 815.2 Horses:
- 815.2.1 Horses must be at least 5 years old to qualify as novices.
- 815.2.2 For CEIs 1-Star through 2-Star Competitions Horses must be at least 6 years old to participate.
- 815.2.3 For 3-Star Competitions Horses must be at least 7 years old to participate.
- 815.2.4 For 4-Star, CEIOs and Championships (excluding Young Horse Championships where the minimum age must be 7 years) Horses must be at least 8 years of age.
- 815.2.5 Mares obviously in advanced pregnancies, meaning over 120 days, or with foal at foot cannot be entered in any CEI Event.
- 815.2.6 All ages are determined as of the date of the Event for which eligibility to participate is sought, and must be confirmed either through reliable registrations or written Veterinary opinion, which may be recorded within Passports. Horses are deemed to have their birthday on the 1st January.

815.3 Mandatory Rest for Horses (refer to Notes for Guidance):

815.3.1 After competing in a CEI or National Events, a Horse must be given a mandatory minimum rest period, as defined, before it is again eligible to participate in a National or FEI Competition:

Distance completed	start – 40 km	5 days (retirement only)
	start – 80 km	12 days
	Over 80 – 120 km	19 days
	Over 120 km -140 km	26 days
	Over 140 Km	33 days

Extended rest periods will apply if a horse has Failed to Qualify following immediate invasive treatment or for irregular gait reasons (see articles 815.3.2 and 815.3.3).

The total rest period commences at Midnight at the end of the day that the ride finishes (24.00 hours), as denoted by the maximum ride time allowed, and finishes at the same time on the last full day of the rest period. The published ride start time of the horse’s next ride must fall after the expiry of the rest period.

815.3.2 Extended Rest Periods for Invasive Treatment:

Any treatment of a horse which involves the puncture or incision of the skin or insertion of any instrument or foreign material into the body is considered Invasive Treatment. (Exceptions to the rule would be the administration of oral electrolytes or acupuncture.) Any metabolic condition diagnosed in a horse which has Failed to Qualify that left untreated would compromise or threaten the welfare of the Horse would be considered a condition requiring Invasive Treatment. It is the responsibility of the FVD and the Treatment Veterinarian to review, on a case by case basis, the treated Horses at the end of an event and classify each case that is immediate Invasive Treatment, incurring mandatory rest, or Authorised Treatment not incurring mandatory rest.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any CEI or National Event in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period as below before it is again eligible to participate in a FEI or National competition.

Invasive Treatment 1st Incident	60 days in total
Invasive Treatment 2nd Incident	90 days in total

The extended rest period for a 2nd incident comes into effect if the horse has Failed to Qualify for metabolic reasons which require immediate invasive treatment at any 2 consecutive CEI or National Events or twice within any 3 month period.

815.3.3 Extended Rest Periods for Irregular gait

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for Irregular gait reasons at any CEI or National Event in a rolling year, it must be given, in addition to the rest period defined under article 815.3.1, an additional mandatory rest period as set out below before it is again eligible to participate in another FEI or National competition.

Irregular gait	1st Incident	14 days in addition
Irregular gait	2nd Incident	21 days in addition

The additional extended rest period for a 2nd incident comes into effect if the horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons at any 2 consecutive CEI or National Events.

Failure to Qualify for irregular gait reasons at a 3rd consecutive CEI or National Event will incur a mandatory rest period of:

Irregular gait	3rd Incident	90 days in addition
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815.3.4 If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait at any 4 consecutives CEI or National Events in a rolling year, it must be given a mandatory rest period of 6 months and pass a veterinary examination 4 weeks prior to first competition before it is again eligible to participate in a CEI or National Events.

If a Horse has Failed to Qualify for irregular gait reasons more than 4 consecutive CEI or National Events, the horse will be banned from future Endurance competition.

815.3.5 The FEI in consultation with the FEI Technical Committee and FEI Veterinary Department may decide to create a supplementary schedule.

Athlete Penalty Points will be awarded to each Athlete should their Horse be eliminated at an FEI Event due to metabolic reasons and/or Catastrophic Injuries. Penalty points are accumulated from the first penalty rolling forward for a period of 12 months. Thereafter on the first anniversary of each point penalty such penalty is dropped from the running total.

100 penalty points will result in an automatic two month suspension period. After such suspension the points total is reduced to zero.

- Each metabolic elimination results in 10 penalty points.
- If a Horse is eliminated for a metabolic reason that requires immediate invasive treatment the Athlete concerned will receive 25 penalty points.
- If a Horse suffers a Catastrophic Injury during an FEI Competition the Athlete concerned will receive 80 penalty points.
- If a Horse is participating in a CEI or National Event during the mandatory minimum rest period (as set out in article 815.3.1 above), the Athlete will receive 100 penalty points (refer to Notes for Guidance).

In addition to the sanctions listed above, other sanctions may also be applicable and violations of the relevant rules may be brought in front of the FEI Tribunal.

- 815.3.6** If a Horse ridden by an Athlete suffers a Catastrophic Injury within 12 months of a Catastrophic Injury occurring to any previous Horse ridden by that same Athlete that Athlete, will be automatically suspended for six months.
Catastrophic injury is defined as an injury which, in the opinion of the Veterinary Commission, requires immediate euthanasia or contributes to the death of a Horse in Competition howsoever caused.

**Article 816 - QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE & CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY
(Please refer to Endurance Notes for Guidance for Transitional Arrangements)**

- 816.1** Novice Qualifying: to be administered by each NF.
The Novice Qualification eligibility form (Annex 2 of the Endurance Rules) needs to be filled in on the FEI online platform prior to the relevant NF making the first entry for the Athlete/Horse.
- 816.1.1** Horses and Athletes must, though not necessarily as a combination:
- 816.1.1.1** Successfully complete 2 rides of distances between 40-79 km and 2 rides of between 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under.
- 816.1.2** Horses must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 12 months, prior to taking part in a CEI. Please refer to Notes for guidance if clarification is needed.
- 816.1.3** Athletes must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 6 months, immediately prior to taking part in an CEI Event.
- 816.2** CEI Star Qualifying: to be determined according to FEI records and database, and attested to by each NF.
- 816.2.1** All Horses and Athletes must have successfully completed Novice Qualifying to be eligible for CEI Star Qualifying.
- 816.2.2** Horses and Athletes, not necessarily as a combination must successfully complete FEI Competitions to progress through the Star system, beginning with a successful completion at the 1-Star level, thereby qualifying to move up through each Star category as defined in Art 814.
- 816.2.3** Star System Qualification for Athletes to 3* level will be for up to five years and can be revalidated by successfully completing an FEI Competition applicable to the Athlete's existing status or equivalent National Event distance.
- 816.2.4** Star System Qualification for Horses shall be valid for a period of 24 months. Should a Horse fail to complete an event at the next level for which it has qualified within that period it will need to re qualify for its existing level again before progressing further.
- 816.3 4* Championships:**
- Junior/Young Riders**
- Horses:**
- 816.3.1** Horses must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.
- 816.3.2** Horses must have successfully completed at least 2 CEI 2* or higher.
- 816.3.3** Of these 2 CEI, at least one must be no less than 14 kph, and the same, or higher distance and time frame as the 4-Star Championship and achieved no

earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Athlete unless that Athlete is a J/YR Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases the Horse can be ridden by any other applicable J/YR Athlete.

Athletes:

- 816.3.4 To achieve J/YR Elite Athlete status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 2* 120km Events or higher. To maintain J/YR Elite Athlete status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI 120 km or higher within every successive 24 months.
- 816.3.5 Athletes who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations (Penalties) or have committed an offense under the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Control Medication regulations, will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing ten CEI2* commencing either after the period of suspension or after the 'fast track' decision is finalised.
- 816.3.6 Athletes must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.
- 816.3.7 Athletes must have successfully completed at least 3 CEI 2* or higher.
- 816.3.8 Of those 3 CEI, one must be at the minimum speed no less than 14 kph, and the same, or higher distance and time frame as the 4* Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Horse unless that Athlete is a J/YR Elite Endurance Athlete.

Recording and Proof of Qualification: approved records must be provided for Rider/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.

Seniors

Horses:

- 816.3.9 Horses must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the Event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.
- 816.3.10 Horses must have successfully completed at least 3 CEI 2* or higher.
- 816.3.11 Of these 3 CEI, at least one must be at the, minimum speed of 14 kph, and the same distance and time frame as the 4-Star Championship and achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Athlete unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete. In such cases, the Horse can be ridden by any other applicable Athlete.

Athletes:

- 816.3.12 To achieve Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must have successfully completed a minimum of ten CEI 3* 160km Events or higher. To maintain Senior Elite Athlete status, Athletes must successfully complete at least one CEI3* 160 km within every successive 24 months.
- 816.3.13 Athletes who receive any form of a suspension as defined under the FEI General Regulations (Penalties) or have committed an offense under the FEI Equine

Anti-Doping and Control Medication regulations, will automatically lose their Elite Status and will be required to re-qualify again by completing ten CEI3* commencing either after the period of suspension or after the 'fast track' decision is finalised.

816.3.14 Athletes must have graduated through the qualifying processes outlined above for Novice and CEI-Star qualifying up to, and including, the distance of the event for which a Certificate of Capability is sought.

816.3.15 Athletes must have successfully completed at least 5 CEI 2* or higher.

816.3.16 Of those 5 CEI, one must be at the minimum speed of 14 kph and the same distance, weight and time frame as the 4* Championship, achieved no earlier than 24 months prior to, no later than the close of nominated entries for Championship and/or 60 days prior to the Event, whichever comes first. This one ride must be in combination with the nominated Horse unless that Athlete is a Senior Elite Endurance Athlete.

Recording and Proof of Qualification: Approved records must be provided for Athlete/Horse results for eventual insertion into FEI Database/Passports as required. However, the ultimate responsibility for proof still remains with each NF.

Article 817 – INVITATIONS**817.1 CEIs**

The number of Officials and Athletes whether competing as individuals or as members of an unofficial team, to whom hospitality will be extended is at the discretion of the OC. The number of Athletes which can be accepted will be stated in the official invitation to National Federations.

817.2 CEIOs, Championships

Five Athletes and seven Horses, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe and a Veterinary Surgeon as Team Veterinarian must be included in the official invitation to the National Federation(s) concerned.

817.2.1 World Equestrian Games

Four athletes and four horses, plus a reserve combination, a non-riding Chef d'Equipe and a Veterinary Surgeon as Team Veterinarian must be included in the official invitation to the National Federation(s) concerned.

In the Team competition there will be a drop score and the reserve Combination cannot compete if not in the Team.

A maximum of 2 Individual athletes per NF.

817.3 Grooms

The OC of a CEI, CEIO, and Championship must accept two grooms per Horse.

817.4 Teams and Individuals**817.4.1 Teams:** if an NF starts three or more combinations all results are available to establish their Team result and are also eligible for individual classification and placing/awards. Only the highest placed three members shall count for the Team classification. However other Athletes from that same Team who successfully complete the Competition will also receive a team medal.

Should any combination whose result was available to count towards Team Classification, subsequently fail an FEI sampling procedure which results in the loss of that individual's result(s) within the event, the classification of that entire team will become null and void.

Such loss of Team classification will not affect the individual classification of the other members of that team.

817.4.2 Individuals: if an NF starts fewer than 3 combinations they shall only be eligible for individual classification and placing/awards, but not as a Team.**817.4.3** With regard to the number of teams required for Championships, Article 104 of the FEI General Regulations applies.**817.5 Expenses & Privileges**

The OC of World and Continental Championships may accept responsibility for meeting the travelling and living expenses of Athletes, Horses, grooms and team officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) to be invited according to the rules

from the day before the First Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the schedule.

The OC of World Equestrian Games must accept responsibility for meeting the living expenses of Athletes, Horses, grooms and team officials (Chefs d'Equipe and Veterinarians) to be invited according to the rules from the day before the first Horse Inspection until the day after the end of the Championships. This must be published in the Schedule.

Article 818 - ENTRIES

- 818.1 The number of Horses that may be entered for an Event must be in accordance with the schedule.
- 818.2 All Athletes invited or nominated for an International Event must be entered by their NFs. All foreign Athletes selected by their NFs must be accepted by the OC. OCs may not accept any other entries.
- 818.3 NFs may only enter Athletes for FEI World Championships who are qualified under conditions decided by the relevant Technical Committee and approved by the Bureau.
- 818.4 Under no circumstances may the OC limit the number of entries of eligible Athletes or teams for a FEI Championship.
- 818.5 Entries for FEI Championships must be made following the compulsory three phases outlined under paragraph 818.5.1, 818.5.2 and 818.5.3 below.
- 818.5.1 Entries in principle must reach the OC at least eight weeks before the Event is due to begin. Entry in principle means that an NF has the definite intention of sending Athletes to participate in the Event. It must state whether the intention is to send only individuals, only a team or a team and individuals.
- 818.5.2 Nominated entries must reach the OC at least four weeks before the Event and must include a list of the names of Athletes and Horses from which the Definite Entries and any substitutions will be chosen and state the number of Athletes and Horses which the NF intends to send. The number of nominated entries of Athletes and Horses must not exceed twice the number invited in the Schedule. Once the nominated entries have been sent in, NFs may send fewer Athletes and/or Horses but never more than the number of nominated entries. NFs which are not represented after having made nominated entries and whose excuse is not acceptable to the OC shall be reported by the OC to the Secretary General for consideration of their excuse by the FEI Tribunal.
- 818.5.3 Definite entries must reach the OC at the latest four days preceding the beginning of the Event. These represent the final selection of Athletes and Horses that will travel to the Event. The Definite Entries may not exceed the number listed and must be chosen from the list of names on the Nominated Entries. After the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitutions of Horses and/or Athletes may only be made with the express permission of the OC.
- 818.6 Entry forms for Horses must include the name/names, breed, sex, age, colour, country of birth, present nationality and passport number and, where appropriate, qualifications.

- 818.7 Should an NF send more Athletes and/or Horses than shown in the Nominated Entry the OC is not obliged to accommodate them or to allow them to participate in that Event.
- 818.8 At an Event, an Athlete may withdraw any or all his/her Horses from a Competition, but he/she may not add a Horse not previously entered for that Competition without the Approval of the OC and the Ground Jury.
- 818.9 Where an NF has made a nominated entry of a team and finds that it will be unable to send a team, it must immediately inform the OC.
- 818.10 Teams or individual Athletes who have been definitely entered by their NFs at any Event and fail to take part without valid excuse must be reported by the Foreign Judge/Technical Delegate to the Secretary General for consideration by the FEI Tribunal. Competing at another Event staged at the same time does not constitute a valid excuse for failure to participate at an Event.
- 818.11 An NF cannot make definite entries for the same Athlete/Horse combinations to more than one OC on penalty of disqualification of such Competitor/Horse combinations from the Event where they eventually participate.
- 818.12 Withdrawals after the date of definite entries or no-shows will be liable to reimburse the OC for the financial loss incurred by the OC (i.e. stabling and hotel Expenses) as a result of late withdrawal or no-show.
- 818.13 No Athlete may actually compete with more than one Horse in any Endurance Ride.
- 818.14 At Championships, as many reserve Horses as allowed by the OC may travel to the event. However, all such reserve Horses must be on the Nominated Entries list.

Article 819 - DECLARATION OF STARTERS**CEI 1*, 2*, 3***

- 819.1 Athletes may each bring one spare Horse to the Competition, subject to the ability of the OC to accommodate them (this must be clearly indicated on the FEI approved schedule). These spare Horses must be duly entered in the Competition under the Athlete's name and a second entry fee, to be determined by the OC, paid by the Athlete.
- 819.1.1 Athletes may trot up both Horses who are duly entered under their name at the First Inspection. Should a Horse be entered by more than one Athlete for a Competition it will only be required to trot up once.
- 819.1.2 Immediately following the inspection of their Horses, each Athlete must declare to the Ground Jury which of the Horses, entered under their name, he/she will ride.
- 819.1.3 Each Athlete is responsible to ensure the proper supervision, care and feeding of any spare unused Horse during the course of the Athlete's absence on Event day.

- 819.2 CEIO and CHAMPIONSHIPS
Each NF may send Horses up to the maximum shown in the schedule from the list of Definite Entries and subject to the ability of the OC to accommodate them
- 819.2.1 The Chefs d'Equipe must declare in writing to the Secretariat of the OCs the names of the Athletes and of the Horses allocated to the Athletes definitively starting, chosen from those included on the official entry forms. Declaration of starters by the Chef d'Equipe or his/her representative will take place within one to three hours after the first inspection of the Horses, at the previously announced discretion of the President of the Ground Jury.
- 819.2.2 Each Chef d'Equipe and/or Person Responsible is responsible to ensure the proper supervision, care and feeding of any spare/unused Horses on Event day.
- 819.3 Substitutions (CEI 1*, 2*, 3*, CEIO and CHAMPIONSHIPS)
- 819.3.1 Substitutions after Definite Entries: after the Definite Entries have been sent in, substitution of Horses and/or Athletes from their country's own list of Nominated Entries (if any) may only be made with the written permission of the NF and the OC, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. All substituted Horses and/or Athletes to be correctly qualified as per Art 816.3.
- 819.3.2 Substitutions in Case of Accident or Illness: in case of an accident or illness of an Athlete or a Horse, occurring between the declaration of starters and the start of the Competition, where such accident or illness makes it impossible for that Athlete or Horse to take part in the Competition; substitutions can be made up to 2 hours before the start of the Competition. The following conditions must be met; 1) a certificate of the condition from an officially recognised physician for the Athlete, and from a Veterinary surgeon/Team Veterinarian for the Horse, and 2) permission of the President of the Ground Jury.
- 819.3.3 An Athlete or a Horse, either or both, can only be replaced by another Athlete or Horse or by Athlete/Horse combination taken from those who have been duly entered and where such horse has successfully passed the First Horse Inspection.
- 819.3.4 At any Championship or any other CEI 4-Star ride Horses can only be substituted by the Athlete's National Federation with Horses that have been included on that National Federation's Nominated Entries list and that are qualified according to Article 818.

CHAPTER III INSPECTIONS, EXAMINATIONS, CONTROL OF MEDICATION

Article 820 - VETERINARY CONTROL

- 820.1 The Veterinary Commission has absolute control on all matters concerning Horse welfare.
- 820.2 The FEI Veterinary Regulations apply to all International Endurance Rides.
- 820.3 The series of examinations and inspections required by these Rules are established in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Horse in the Competition.
- 820.4 The decision of the Ground Jury taken on the direct advice of the Official Veterinarians is final and there can be no appeal against them. However, the Ground Jury is obliged in all cases to provide the reasons for the elimination of any Horses.
- 820.5 Should an entered Horse die for any reason during the period between the first inspection and the final inspection, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate will assist the Ground Jury to write a report on the circumstances to the National Federation of the country in which the Ride is taking place, which shall be filed with the FEI Veterinary Committee for review of circumstances.
- 820.6 Should a Horse that has competed die for any reason within a set period of time (see FEI Veterinary Regulations) following a Championship vent, the NF of the Horse must provide a written report of same to the FEI Veterinary Committee for review of circumstances.
- 820.7 Only Athletes who's Horses have passed all the inspections and examinations are entitled to be classified in the final list of results.
- 820.8 After each FEI Endurance Event detail of a Horse's, completed distance to the nearest Vet Gate, grounds for non-classification (metabolic, irregular gait or both), treatments at the venue, referral for hospitalisation, mandatory rest periods and any other comments necessary to protect the Horse's future Competition safety and welfare deemed necessary by the Veterinary commission must be recorded either in the Horse's passport or National Federation Log Book. Only the Veterinary Delegate, President of the Ground Jury and Appeal Committee can make entries in the official record.
- 820.9 All the relevant information required at the inspections and examinations must be recorded on an individual Veterinary record for each Combination and must, in principle, be available at all subsequent inspections and examinations. Such records being produced electronically (with back up) or by hard copy. Athletes are entitled to see and copy the record referring to their Horses immediately after the inspection or examination. Veterinary cards may be retained by the OC. Veterinary cards in respect of Horses that have received immediate invasive

treatment must be sent to the FEI by the Event Foreign Veterinary Delegate together with details of such treatment provided.

- 820.10 The arrival time into the Vet Gate must be recorded and the Horse must be presented within the presentation time according to these Rules and as confirmed in the Schedule to the Veterinary Commission for inspection.

The compulsory halts are operated by establishing a Vet Gate with an inspection area that the Athletes/grooms enter with the Horse when they decide that the Horse is ready to pass the Veterinary inspection. When Athletes/grooms have entered the inspection area, they must proceed with the Horse directly to the nominated Vet at a reasonable pace showing constant forward motion. No more than three people can accompany an individual Horse within the inspection area, and that number may be further limited by Schedule or pre-announced decision of the Ground Jury. Additionally, at Championships and CEIOs, the Team Veterinarian and the Chef d'Equipe have access to the Vet Gate during the Competition and must report their presence to the President of the Ground Jury

- 820.11 During this period, the Horse may be inspected more than once if the Veterinary Commission or Ground Jury so decides. However, before the scheduled presentation time has elapsed, the Horse must demonstrate its fitness to continue which is assessed upon three criteria: heart rate recovery, metabolic stability and gait.

- 820.12 These inspections for heart rate recovery, metabolic stability and soundness must be conducted at the same time and the Horse must meet the minimum criteria for the Star level of the Event. If there is any alteration to how the inspections will be conducted, that must be announced prior to the Competition by the Ground Jury or published in the Schedule.

- 820.13 Once a Horse has successfully met the required heart rate parameters its timed hold, starting from the moment the Horse was presented to the Veterinary Commission, continues for the stated period. During the timed hold, all the other aspects of the inspection, including trotting the Horse, will be carried out.

- 820.14 The Technical Delegate or the Ground Jury together with the Veterinary Commission can decide to modify the length of timed holds according to extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances. Modifications must be announced to all Athletes and/or Chefs d'Equipe before the start of the phase concerned.

- 820.15 The OC, the Technical Delegate, the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Vet Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury are required to provide for appropriate aftercare and Veterinary treatment controls including arrangements with an equine referral facility with surgical capabilities. For CEI 4 Star Events and Championships, triage and emergency treatment facilities must be provided on site. Such arrangements must be clearly written in the Schedule and approved by the Technical Delegate prior to the First Examination. After the First Examination, the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate in consultation with the Ground Jury may recommend changes in the treatment arrangements including the placement of members of the Veterinary commission, or scheduling of their availability, for help in the treatment/aftercare area. Such arrangements must identify the

treatment Veterinarian(s) and the treatment group must include a Veterinarian licensed to practice Veterinary medicine in that geographical location.

Article 821 - VETERINARY INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS OF HORSES

821.1 Veterinary Examination

- 821.1.1 The first examination shall take place as soon as possible after the arrival of the Horses at the stables of the Ride and definitely before the Horses are released to their assigned stables.
- 821.1.2 It should be performed by an official Veterinarian appointed by the OC and, if not available, by a Veterinary Surgeon of the host country. The President of the Ground Jury and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate should be present whenever possible.
- 821.1.3 The aim is first to establish the Horses' identity (passports, registration documents, etc.) and second, to establish the general health of the Horse, and in particular, to identify any contagious conditions. Doubtful cases should be reported to the Foreign Veterinary Delegate or Ground Jury on arrival, but in any case not later than one hour before the first inspection.
- 821.1.4 At CEIs, these examinations can be coupled with the first inspection.
- 821.1.5 At CEIOs and Championships, these examinations must occur separately and far enough in advance to allow for quarantine of compromised Horses and their travelling partners until health questions or concerns are satisfied. That also means the OC must provide adequate quarantine facilities for those purposes.

821.2 Horse Inspections: Pulse Re-inspection; Requested Re-inspection; Compulsory Re-inspection; Final Inspection

- 821.2.1 First Inspection: in principle, it should take place on the day preceding the start of the Competition and is performed by the Veterinary Commission, together with the Ground Jury. It will be conducted according to the standards for all inspections, as outlined below, to include: Heart Rate, Respiratory System, General Condition and Metabolic Status, Gait Evaluation, Soreness, Lacerations, Wounds, Range of Motion and other matters and items which from time to time may be added to the Veterinary Card.
- 821.2.2 Inspections Generally: there are no differences between the Veterinarians' responsibilities to evaluate a Horse at all inspections. The same standards apply to judging fitness to continue both metabolically, heart rate and in terms of gait evaluation.
- 821.2.3 Heart Rate Assessment Protocol

All heart rate assessments must be undertaken by a member of the FEI Veterinary Commission.

1. Heart rate is the first parameter to be examined and recorded during the inspection. It is an essential criterion to accurately assess the horse's recovery and fitness to continue.
2. Every effort should be taken to accurately record the heart rate. If the examination of the heart rate is disrupted due to movement or excitement of the Horse rendering the examination impossible or inaccurate, the examination is stopped and recommenced when the Horse is settled.
3. The maximum heart rate for passing the inspection is 64 bpm or as prescribed in the schedule.

Stethoscope Examination

1. When the Horse is presented for inspection, the stethoscope is applied to the left side of the chest wall at approximately the level of the elbow.
2. The examiner should locate the best position to auscultate the heart i.e., where the heart sounds are clearly audible.
3. A stop watch must be used to time the count.
4. The stop watch is started when the heart beat is audible and the count starts on the next heartbeat. The stop watch can be stopped at 15 seconds if the count is 16 or less, at 30 seconds if the count is 32 or less. In both cases the heart rate can be recorded at 64 bpm or less. The Inspection can then be completed.
5. If the heart rate is above 16 beats or 32 beats at 15 or 30 seconds respectively or if the heart beat is irregular, difficult to hear or demonstrates murmurs, the count must be continued for the full minute. The Horse may be re-inspected or fail to qualify for the next phase.
6. Cardiac Recovery Index is recorded at each inspection and involves the examination and recording of the heart rate as part of the metabolic assessment of the horse. Once the heart rate has been recorded the stop watch is restarted and the horse has one minute to trot 80 m (40 out and 40 back) allowing for a gait assessment. At the end of the minute a second heart rate is recorded. The difference between the first and second heart rates is the Cardiac Recovery Index. The initial heart rate recording may be by the use of a stethoscope (as described above) or with an Approved Electronic Heart Rate System.
7. The second heart rate recording of the CRI must be with a stethoscope. At this examination the heart rate is recorded for up to one minute and the cardiac cycle is examined for any pathological signs that may indicate that the horse is unfit to continue.

FEI Approved Electronic Heart Rate Monitoring Systems:

1. When the horse is presented for inspection, the electronic HR reader is applied to the left side of the chest wall at approximately the level of the elbow.
2. The examiner should locate the best position to record the heart rate.
3. The reader is started and the assessment commences. The system must provide an assessment at 15 seconds, at 30 seconds, at 45 seconds and at 60 seconds. At each assessment should the heart rate be shown to be 64 bpm or less as defined in the Schedule then the assessment can stop and the reading recorded.
4. If the heart rate is above 16 beats at 15 seconds, above 32 beats at 30 seconds, and above 64 beats at 60 seconds, the horse will fail the inspection and fail to Qualify if heart rate is above 64 at the pulse re-inspection.

821.2.4 Confirmation of high heart rate must follow the above protocol and the second assessment, to be taken immediately, will be taken by a second heart rate reader and the horse will be confirmed as a fail if the heart rate fails to meet the criteria.

821.2.5 Inspection Decorum: the inspection areas should remain politely quiet in respect to Athletes and Horses under the stresses of intense Competition, and the Ground Jury and Stewards are responsible to enforce that decorum. At the same time, Athletes and their crews or owners or Team Staffs are also responsible to respect the nature of what is occurring there, the inspection and evaluation of the ongoing health and fitness to continue of Horses under stressful physical demands. As a result, no gamesmanship will be tolerated in terms of delaying or interfering with a fair presentation. From time to time, the FEI may provide a list of specifically prohibited behaviours under threat of disqualification or other disciplinary action. However, this list is not intended to

be exhaustive and the good judgment of the Ground Jury and Stewards shall be sacrosanct. (See Endurance Notes for Guidance)

- 821.2.6 **Compulsory Re-Inspections:** the Veterinary Commission, in consultation with the Ground Jury, will establish at which Vet Gates they will require Horses to be presented for a compulsory re-inspection, no earlier than 15 minutes before that Athlete's scheduled departure time from that Vet Gate.
- 821.2.7 **Requested Re-Inspections:** the examining Veterinarian may ask an Athlete to present their Horse for re-inspection during its hold time and no earlier than 15 minutes prior to departure if after passing the Horse, the Veterinarian retains concerns about the Horse's continuing stability. This rule is in place to provide the benefit of the doubt for the opportunity to continue to the Horse.
- 821.2.8 **Vet Gate Inspection:** the first mandatory inspection of the Horse at the end of each phase.
- 821.2.9 **Heart Rate Re-Inspection:** if during the Vet Gate Inspection the Horse's heart rate is higher than the parameters defined for that Inspection the Horse may be presented a second time within the time allowed as defined.
- 821.2.10 **Heart Rates:** Horses with abnormally high heart rates, or heart rates higher than the parameters defined in the schedule or as amended by the Ground Jury upon recommendation from the Veterinary Commission, will not be allowed to continue in the Competition and will be deemed to have failed to qualify for the next phase. Any abnormal heart sounds must be recorded. For a Horse to fail to qualify for the next phase on heart rate a second Veterinarian must immediately confirm that the Horse's heart rate is above the parameter defined in the schedule.
- 821.2.11 **Respiratory System:** abnormalities in rate or character of the breathing deemed by the Veterinary Commission to be of such a nature as to endanger the safety of the Horse will be cause for failure to qualify for the next phase.
- 821.2.12 **General Condition and Metabolic Status:** Horses in a generally poor condition or with an abnormally high temperature will fail to qualify for the next phase.
Metabolic Status: the metabolic Status will be assessed by the examination and recording of those parameters that indicate the Horses fitness to continue including (but not exclusive to) mucous membranes, capillary refill time, hydration, intestinal activity, demeanour and cardiac recovery index. Failure to qualify for the next phase, for metabolic status, soft tissue injuries or other reasons will require a review by a three-Vet panel who will, by secret individual vote for a pass or fail, communicate their vote directly to a member of the Ground Jury.
- 821.2.13 **Irregular gaits:** at the first or the final inspection or any inspection during the course, a Horse with an irregularity of gait; which must be consistently observable at trot, or an equivalent gait; and is observable through evaluation by trotting the Horse on a loose lead in hand straight out and back, without prior flexion or deep palpation; which must be observed to cause pain, or threaten the immediate ability of the Horse to safely perform athletically; will be removed from Competition and will fail to have qualified for the next phase.
- 821.2.13.1 The inspection must be run on a flat firm surface.
- 821.2.13.2 If, after having once trotted the Horse, the observing Veterinarian questions the Horse's fitness to continue, the Horse will be re-trotted by a three-Vet panel. The Vet panel review must be carried out under the observation of three Veterinarians who will by secret individual vote opt for a pass or fail and communicate their vote directly to a member of the Ground Jury.
- 821.2.13.3 Any of the three Veterinarians can call for a further trot up prior to voting if they so wish, giving the Horse and Athlete the benefit of the doubt, and will communicate that request to the member of the Ground Jury present who will

request the Horse be trotted again. The ultimate decision based upon the majority vote from the three Veterinarians, independent and without discussion, will then be final.

- 821.2.13.4 However, if the panel is still unable to conclude based upon 3 attempts (one by the original examining Veterinarian and twice by the panel) that the Horse is fit to continue, whether it is because of a presentation failure or according to Veterinary criteria, the Horse will be eliminated.
- 821.2.13.5 Any unusual feature about a Horse's gait must be noted on the Veterinary card of the Horse, whether it is deemed grounds for elimination or not.
- 821.2.14 **Soreness, Laceration and Wounds:** any evidence of soreness, lacerations and wounds in the mouth, on the limbs and on the body, including girth and saddle galls, must be recorded. If participation in or continuation of the Competition is bound to seriously aggravate any such soreness, lacerations or wounds, the Horse will not be allowed to continue.
- 821.2.15 **Shoes and Feet:** Horses may be ridden without shoes, but if shod they must be correctly shod and the shoes must be in a suitable condition for the Competition. Horses which are shod at the first inspection may cross the finish line without one or more shoes. Equi-boots and pads are allowed. However, in all cases, the ongoing condition of the Horse's feet and its adverse effect on the Horse's immediate ability to perform athletically or which is observed to be causing the Horse pain in proceeding shall mean the Horse has failed to qualify for the next phase.

821.3 Individual Veterinary Cards

The individual Veterinary cards (Vet cards) must be issued before the first inspection and be completed after each inspection.

821.4 Final Inspection

At the Final Inspection, the first trot-up of all Horses must be in front of a panel of three members of the Veterinary Commission. A member of the panel may ask to see the Horse trot only one more time before voting takes place.

At the Final Inspection which takes place after the Horse crosses the finish line of the Competition, there is only one presentation allowed and must be within the time allowed as defined.

- 821.4.1 To qualify for presentation to the Veterinary commission at the final inspection the Horse's heart rate must have attained 64 bpm or less within 30 min (or the parameters as detailed in the schedule) of crossing the finish line. Horses that do not meet these criteria will not be classified and must still be presented to the Veterinary commission for inspection within 30 minutes after crossing the finish line.
- 821.4.2 In any case, pulse must be taken and registered on the Vet card within the time limit shown in the schedule.
- 821.4.3 The Final Inspection is to determine whether the Horse is still fit to continue, to be ridden after a normal rest period for another full phase and it will be performed in the same manner as previous inspections with the same control and criteria as the inspections during the course with the exception that only one opportunity to qualify for presentation is allowed. Each Horse shall also be checked against its Vet card.
- 821.4.4 At all Endurance Competitions of 160 km in one day or of an average of 100 km on 2 or more days, all competing Horses must remain in the stable area of the Ride to stay under Veterinary supervision for a period of hours after the finishing time as established by the Veterinary Commission.

821.5 Other Inspections

Other inspections may be carried out by the Ground Jury or the official Veterinarians on all or any Horses selected at random at any time during the course of the Competition.

Article 822 - BEST CONDITION AWARD

822.1 The OC may organise a Best Condition Award at all FEI Endurance Events.

822.2 The purpose of this Award is to find the Horse which is in the best condition having completed the event and been classified among the best Horses (maximum the first ten Horses).

822.3 A Horse can only be entered in the Best Condition Award if it successfully completes the Competition in a riding time which is within an additional percentage of the winning time, to be decided by the Ground Jury.

822.4 Horses which enter the Best Condition Award are deemed to be still in the Competition until after the prize giving ceremony for the Best Condition Award.

822.5 Athletes are not obliged to enter their Horse in the Best Condition Award.

822.6 The procedure laid down in the Endurance Notes for Guidance should be used to establish the Best Condition Award. All entrants in the Best Condition Award remain subjected to medication control.

822.7 The Best Conditioned Award may include a mounted phase in addition to the standard Best Conditioned format. Following the completion of a 160 km or a 2 by 100 km event, horses that meet the criteria for selection for Best Conditioned will be judged.

Prior to examination under saddle, the horses will be judged unmounted for gait, metabolic parameters and surface injuries. Horses that have irregular gait or fail to meet the metabolic criteria will be eliminated from the Best Condition competition.

The Chair of the Best Conditioned Panel will then invite the successful combinations to complete the mounted phase of the competition. The combination will be asked to trot 40 metres out and back followed by trotting and then cantering a figure of 8. The combination can be eliminated from the Best Condition competition at any time if the horse is judged of an irregular gait by the panel.

The Athlete will, on the instructions of the Chair of the Best Conditioned panel, be required to demonstrate his or her equitation skills in a free range ridden display of the athlete's choice, which will exhibit the soundness of the horse including its fitness, agility and willingness to compete. This free range equitation display will not exceed five minutes.

Article 823 - VETERINARY TREATMENT DURING COMPETITION

Veterinary treatment may not be administered to a Horse during the Competition without the written approval of the Veterinary Commission. Authorized treatment does not affect classification of the Horse. (see FEI Veterinary Regulations)

- FEI Veterinary Regulations (in accordance with all subsequent published revisions, the provisions of which will take precedence),

Extract from Veterinary Regulation

Article 1046

Treatment with Controlled Medication Substances

1. Controlled Medication Substances, as listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List (EPSL), which are administered to horses during or close to an event may result in an Adverse Analytical Finding in accordance with the EADCMRs.
2. During events, the administration of treatments and supportive therapies must be authorised by the VC/VD before administration, using the appropriate Veterinary Form.
3. The use of Banned Substances is always strictly prohibited.
4. The treatment or supportive therapy, if authorised, may only be administered by an FEI Veterinarian with the exception of those substances administered orally or by nebulisation. In emergency situations where the Horse's welfare is at risk, emergency therapeutic treatments may be administered. Following such administration, a Veterinary Form 1 must be presented for retrospective authorisation and for determination, where appropriate, of whether the Horse can continue competing at the Event. The Veterinary Form 1 must under all circumstances be completed before leaving the Event venue and before the Period of the Event has expired.
5. The use of a Controlled Medication Substance may only be authorised for treatment during an Event in exceptional circumstances, in accordance with these VRs, the EADCMRs and the GRs.
6. No intra-articular administration of any medication is allowed during FEI events.
7. Treatments administered before an FEI event (e.g. during transport) may be retroactively authorised, using the appropriate Veterinary Form (in accordance with these VRs), by the VC/VD, when appropriate, on arrival at the event. Retrospective authorisation will not be automatically granted and will be at the discretion of the VD and the GJ.
8. In accordance with the Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse, the VC/VD must always verify prior to signing the Veterinary Form whether the medication requested, or previously administered, may affect:
 - a) the Horse's fitness to compete;
 - b) the fairness of the Competition; and/or
 - c) the welfare of the Horse and/ or Athlete.

CHAPTER IV OFFICIALS FOR ENDURANCE EVENTS

Criteria in respect of appointment, promotion and maintenance of status for all FEI Endurance Officials will be published regularly on the FEI website in accordance with the published education and standards criteria.

Article 824 - DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of Ground Jury, the Foreign Judge, the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate at all 3* Events and all CEIO Competitions. For CEI 1*, 2*, in special circumstances, the FEI has the right to consult with OCs, in a timely manner, to ask for a different balance of experience and expertise within the team of Officials proposed in the Schedule of the Event.

At all CEI 1*, 2* and 3* Events, the FEI may grant a dispensation in accordance with the FEI General Regulations Article 149.10 subject to a request being received from the National Federation concerned and in compliance with the conditions as detailed in the FEI Endurance Notes for Guidance.

CODEX for FEI Endurance Officials

1. The FEI Endurance Official is a recognised authority on Endurance, who must have knowledge of the principles of Endurance of the FEI-Rules and, based on his star rating is qualified to judge the appropriately rated FEI International Endurance Competitions. He is always representing the FEI.
2. An FEI Endurance Official must avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest. An Endurance Official must have a neutral, independent and fair position towards Athletes, owners, Trainers, organisers and other Officials and integrate well into a team. Financial and/or personal interest must never influence or be perceived to influence his way of judging.

Activities which will lead to or may lead to a "conflict of interest" when officiating at a CEI, include but are not limited to:

- Acting as Team chef of National teams at international level or being responsible/co-responsible for selecting teams and/or individuals or training Athletes within the NF.
- To be owner/part-owner of Horses taking part in the Event.
- Being in a situation of financial dependence or gaining financial profit from owners, Athletes, trainers, organisers or other related organisations.
- Having a close personal relationship with an Athlete.
- Nationalistic judging.

In addition to the notification requirements set out at point 7 below, an Endurance Official is responsible for notifying the OC of any of the above or other possible conflicts of interest or situations that may be perceived as such.

3. During an Endurance Event an Endurance Official must be punctual and professional in the way of behaviour and duties.

4. An Endurance Official has to be well prepared for the Event he is judging and has to cooperate well with the organiser and his colleagues.
5. An Endurance Official must be dressed appropriately and must always be mindful that he is representing the FEI.
6. The FEI has the right to undertake disciplinary actions against Endurance Officials who do not follow the Codex and FEI rules. Such disciplinary actions may consist of: 1) Warning letter; 2) Temporary or Provisional suspension and 3) Temporary/Permanent removal from the FEI Endurance Officials list.
7. Conflict of Interest: Endurance Officials who may have a real or perceived Conflict of Interest should notify the OC at the time of appointment or as soon as a conflict of interest arises prior to the competition. If the declared conflict of interest, in the opinion of the President of Jury, impairs or appears to impair the integrity of the judging of the competition, the Endurance Official will have to stand down. Conflicts of Interest should be declared at the pre-ride briefing of officials and Athletes.
8. Conflict of Interest: employees of Equestrian Federations, sponsors and OCs cannot act as an FEI Endurance Official at FEI Events organised through that Federation or under that sponsor or OC.

Endurance Official's Per Diems:

Daily Per Diems are not mandatory in FEI Endurance Events. However, for Non Veterinary Officials, Per Diems (if any) cannot exceed a maximum per day of CHF 500 (or equivalent local economic value)

- Level of daily per diem (if any) must be confirmed in writing by the OC to the Officials in advance of their acceptance of their appointment.
- Information must be provided by the OC as to whether such per diem is subject to withholding tax or similar within the country of the Event.
- The basis upon which travel to and from the venue will be arranged or reimbursed is agreed in advance between the OC and the Endurance Official.
- The provision of accommodation and meals is also provided to the Endurance Official in advance of travel.
- Payment of per diems and reimbursement of agreed expenses will only be made after the event is completed and all results have been signed off by the President of the Ground Jury.
- No other gifts or other fees can be provided in addition to the above.

Any of the above shall not be made by any sponsor directly to Endurance Officials, but only by the OC.

824.1 Ground Jury

824.1.1 The Ground Jury will supervise all arrangements made by the OC for the judging, Veterinary control and timekeeping of the Endurance Competition.

824.1.2 The OC shall enlist the assistance of other officials, stewards and Veterinarians, according to the number of entries, but the Ground Jury will remain in overall control of the Competition.

824.2 Technical Delegate/Course Designer

824.2.1. The Technical Delegate must, in coordination with the FEI approved Course designer (if appointed) check and approve, in advance, the layout of the course.

For 1*, 2* and 3* Events the Technical Delegate may also act as the Course Designer. For 4* and Championships the FEI will appoint an FEI approved Course Designer in association with the OC who must participate in the course design with the OC.

- 824.2.2. The Technical Delegate must approve the technical and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the Event: for the correct entry procedures, examinations and inspections of Horses; for the accommodation of Horses and Athletes and for the stewarding of the Event.
- 824.2.3. The Technical Delegate will supervise the briefing(s) and the conduct of all technical personnel.
- 824.2.4. The Technical Delegate will investigate all aspects and report to and advise the Ground Jury on any decisions they are required to make.
- 824.2.5. Until the Technical Delegate has reported to the Ground Jury that he is satisfied with all the arrangements, the authority of the Technical Delegate shall be absolute. Thereafter the Technical Delegate will continue to supervise the technical and administrative conduct of the Event and will advise and assist the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission and the OC.
- 824.2.6. At 3 Star or lower star rated Events, the Technical Delegate, if suitably qualified, may also serve on the Ground Jury.
- 824.2.7. At 4 Star Events, the Technical Delegate must be foreign.
- 824.3 Veterinary Commission
- 824.3.1 The Veterinary Commission has absolute control on all matters concerning Horses' safety, health and welfare. The FEI Veterinary Regulations apply to all FEI-sanctioned Endurance rides.
- 824.3.2 The President of the Veterinary Commission and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate should be consulted by the OC and the Technical Delegate as early as practicable regarding planning for Vet Gates and other Horse safety issues at the Event.
- 824.3.3 At 1 Star Events, the President of the Veterinary Commission will also be responsible for the duties normally undertaken by a Foreign Veterinary Delegate.
- 824.4 Chief Steward
- 824.4.1 The Chief Steward is responsible for the organisation of stewarding throughout the Event.
- 824.4.2 The Chief Steward must ensure that stable security is adequate for the level of Event and that sufficient stewards are available at each Vet Gate and on course.
- 824.4.3 The Chief Steward assists the OC, Ground Jury and Technical Delegate to ensure the smooth running of all defined functions during a Competition such as opening and closing ceremonies or any required organised function within the Competition.
- 824.4.4 The Chief Steward is responsible for the overall security and welfare of participants at the Event.
- 824.4.5 The Chief Steward must liaise closely with the President of the Ground Jury, the Technical Delegate and the President of the Veterinary Commission, and should be consulted by the OC and the Technical Delegate as early as practicable regarding planning for the Event.
- 824.5 Appeal Committee: The duties of the Appeal Committee are as laid down in the FEI General Regulations and in the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

824.6 Independent Governance Advisors

- 824.6.1 At all FEI Endurance Events the FEI has the right to appoint an Independent Governance Advisor to attend the Event and to report back to the FEI in relation to the organisation of the Competitions, the venue and the course, the performance of the Endurance Officials and the suggested areas for improvement.
- 824.6.2 The FEI will meet the costs of the Independent Governance Advisors to attend such chosen Events other than accommodation costs to be met by the OC and the Independent Governance Advisors are at no time acting Officials at the Event but are available to provide expert guidance or assistance if so required.
- 824.6.3 Independent Governance Advisors are appointed biannually by the FEI (see notes for guidance). The FEI will appoint the Veterinary Independent Governance Advisors and Non Veterinary Independent Governance Advisors. During the period of acting as an Independent Governance Advisor that person cannot accept any other FEI officiating positions.

Article 825 - OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR INTERNATIONAL ENDURANCE EVENTS

Where a Foreign FEI Official is required in accordance with Article 825, such Foreign Official cannot be resident in the same country of the relevant Event unless that person is resident in a different time zone than the time zone of the Event location.

825.1 World Championships

- 825.1.1 The Ground Jury must consist of a President and at least four members chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges, one of which must be foreign, appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and the OC. All members must meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Judges.
- 825.1.2 The Veterinary Commission must consist of a President, a Foreign Veterinary Delegate and one additional Veterinarian per 15 Horses, with the minimum number of commission members being 5, including the President of the Veterinary Commission and the Foreign Veterinary Delegate. At least half of the members must be foreign, chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Veterinarians and appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and the OC. All members must meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Veterinarians.
- 825.1.3 The Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials must be approved FEI Treatment Veterinarians appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and the FEI Veterinary Committee. There must be a minimum of 1 Endurance Veterinarian Treatment Official per 20 competing Horses. At least 50% of the Endurance Veterinarian Treatment Officials must be experienced in CEI Competition at the Championship level.
- 825.1.4 The Foreign Technical Delegate must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Technical Delegates and appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and the OC and meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Technical Delegates.
- 825.1.5** The Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and shall be appointed by the OC.

- 825.1.6 The FEI approved Course Designer will be appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and in consultation with the OC.
- 825.1.7 Appeal Committee: The FEI General Regulations apply, such Appeal Committee being compulsory and appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and in consultation with the OC.
- 825.2 CEIO's Regional Games and Continental Championships for Seniors, Young Riders and/or Juniors and other CEI 4 Star Endurance Events
- 825.2.1 The Ground Jury must consist of a President and at least three members chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges, one of which must be Foreign, appointed by the FEI in consultation with FEI Endurance Committee and the OC. All members must meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance judges.
- 825.2.2 The Veterinary Commission must consist of a President, a Foreign Veterinary Delegate and one additional Veterinarian per 15 Horses, with the minimum number of commission members being 5 including the President and the FVD. At least half of the members must be foreign, chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Veterinarians and appointed by the FEI in consultation with Endurance Committee and the OC. All members must meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Veterinarians.
- 825.2.3 At CEI 4 Star Events, the Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials at the venue must be FEI approved Treatment Veterinarians appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and the FEI Veterinary Committee. There must be a minimum of 1 Endurance Veterinarian Treatment Official per 20 competing Horses. At least 50% of the Endurance Veterinarian Treatment Officials must be experienced in CEI Competition at the Championship level.
- 825.2.4 The Foreign Technical Delegate must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Technical Delegates and appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and the OC and meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Technical Delegates.
- 825.2.5 An FEI approved Course designer is required who is appointed by the OC.
- 825.2.6 The Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and shall be appointed by the OC.
- 825.2.7 Appeal Committee: the FEI General Regulations apply, such Appeal Committee being compulsory and appointed by the FEI in consultation with the FEI Endurance Committee and in consultation with the OC.
- 825.3 CEI 3 Star Endurance Events
- 825.3.1 The Ground Jury must consist of a President and a Foreign Judge chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges and appointed by the OC for a maximum of 30 entries. An additional Jury member is required for each additional 30 entries up to a maximum of four Judges to include the President. Other members, if any, may be National Endurance Judges appointed by the OC. All members must comply and meet the requirements of the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance judges.
- 825.3.2 The Veterinary Commission must consist of a President and two members from the FEI list of Endurance Veterinarians appointed by the OC. One of them must be foreign. There must be a minimum one Commission Veterinarian per 20 competing Horses. All such members must meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Veterinarians All other members must be experienced Endurance Veterinarians and appointed by the OC.

- 825.3.3 There must be a minimum of 1 Endurance Veterinary Treating Official at the venue from the FEI list of approved Treatment Veterinarians per 30 competing Horses.
- 825.3.4 The Technical Delegate must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Technical Delegates and appointed by the OC and meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Technical Delegates. The Technical Delegate may act as a member of the Ground Jury once the Competition begins.
- 825.3.5 The Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and appointed by the OC.
- 825.3.6 An Appeal Committee is not required.

825.4 **CEI 1 & 2 Star Endurance Events**

- 825.4.1 CEI 1*: the Ground Jury must consist of a President who must comply and meet the requirements of the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance judges. The Official to be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges appointed by the OC for a maximum of 30 entries. An additional Jury member is required for each additional 40 entries up to a maximum of four Judges to include the President. Other members, if any, may be experienced National Judges.
- 825.4.2 The Veterinary Commission must consist of an FEI President and a minimum of 2 members who may be National Endurance Veterinarians. All National members must be experienced Endurance Veterinarians and appointed by the OC.
- 825.4.3 At CEI 1* Events there must be a minimum of 1 Endurance Veterinary Treating Official at the venue from the FEI list of approved Treatment Veterinarians per 50 competing Horses.
- 825.4.4 The Technical Delegate must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Technical Delegates and appointed by the OC and meet the requirements of the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Technical Delegates. The Technical Delegate may act as a member of the Ground Jury once the Competition begins.
- 825.4.5 The Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and appointed by the OC.
- 825.4.6 An Appeal Committee is not required.
- 825.4.7 CEI 2*: the Ground Jury must consist of a President who must meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance judges. To be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges appointed by the OC for a maximum of 20 entries. An additional Jury member is required for each additional 20 entries. All other members, if any, may be experienced National Judges.
- 825.4.8 The Veterinary Commission must consist of a President and a minimum of 2 members from the FEI list of Endurance Veterinarians appointed by the OC. All such members must meet the then-current *Rating requirements for Endurance Veterinarians. One of them must be foreign. All other members must be experienced Endurance Veterinarians and appointed by the OC.
- 825.4.9 At CEI 2* Events there must be a minimum of 1 Endurance Veterinary Treating Official at the venue from the FEI list of approved Treatment Veterinarians per 50 competing Horses.
- 825.4.10 The Technical Delegate must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Technical Delegates and appointed by the OC and meet the requirements of the *Rating requirements for Endurance Technical Delegates. The Technical Delegate may act as a member of the Ground Jury once the Competition begins.
- 825.4.11 The Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and appointed by the OC.
- 825.4.12 An Appeal Committee is not required.

CHAPTER V AWARDS AND PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES

Article 826 - **AWARDS**

- 826.1** An award must be given to all Athletes who successfully complete the course.
- 826.2** There is no minimum value for awards in Endurance Rides.
- 826.3** For distribution of prize-money, refer to the FEI General Regulations.

Article 827 - **PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES**

The Veterinary Commission should exclude any unfit Horse from participation in the prize-giving ceremony.

ANNEX 1: RATED OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR COMPETITIONS

1*	Ground Jury	President	2* or above
	Technical Delegate		2* or above
	Vet. Commission	President 2 Members	3* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian	President	2*
	Chief Steward		2*
2*	Ground Jury	President	3* or above
	Technical Delegate		3* or above
	Vet. Commission	President 2 Members (including 1 FVD)	3* or above 2* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian	President	3*
	Chief Steward		2*
3*	Ground Jury	President Foreign Judge	4* 3* or above
	Technical Delegate		4* or above
	Vet. Commission	President and/or FVD 2 Members	4* 3* or above
	Treatment Veterinarian	President	4*
	Chief Steward		2*
4*	Ground Jury	President Foreign Judge Members	4* 4* 4*
	Foreign Technical Delegate		4*
	Vet. Commission	President and FVD Panel	4* 4*
	Treatment Veterinarian	President	4*
	Chief Steward		3*

ANNEX 2: ENDURANCE STANDARD NOVICE QUALIFICATION FORM

Article 816 - QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE & CERTIFICATES OF CAPABILITY

816.1 Novice Qualifying: To be administered by each NF.

816.1.1 Horses and Athletes must, though not necessarily as a combination:

816.1.1.1 Successfully complete 2 rides of distances between 40-79 km and 2 rides of between 80-90 km at speeds of 16 kph or under.

816.1.2 Horses must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 12 months, immediately prior to taking part in a CEI or National Event.

816.1.3 Athletes must complete the requirements of this qualifying phase all within the 24 month period and no shorter than 6 months, immediately prior to taking part in an FEI competition

HORSE Name..... FEI Registration No
 Minimum Eligibility Requirements as specified under the Endurance Rules Art 816 (see above)

Type of Event	Country	Name of Event	Date	Distance	Speed	Result
CEN						
CEN						
CEN						
CEN						

Date: / /20__

NF:

ANNEX 3: CLARIFICATION OF ELIMINATION CODES

WD: Withdrawn

- The combination does not turn up at the Event.
- The combination decides not to participate **prior** to the 1st Veterinary Inspection.

RET: Retired

- The combination retires after **successfully** passing the 1st Veterinary Inspection.
- The combination voluntarily retires after successfully passing the Vet Gate and has correctly finished all phases to that point.

DSQ: Disqualified

- A reason must be chosen from the drop down list on FEI Forms.
- Or a reason must be written in the "Post Complement Status Data" column.
- A horse can be disqualified as well as eliminated for a medical reason.
- Please Note: All reasons will be verified with the President of the Ground Jury.

FNR: Finished Not Ranked

- Certificate of Completion (CoC) with approval from President of the Ground Jury/Technical Delegate

FTQ: Failed to Qualify - must be accompanied by one of the following:

- **GA:** Irregular Gait
- **MI:** Minor Injury (e.g. slight soreness, wound, etc.)
- **CI:** Catastrophic Injury
- **ME:** Metabolic
- **ME TR:** Metabolic INVASIVE treatment
- **GA+ME:** Irregular Gait and Metabolic
- **GA+ME TR:** Irregular Gait and Metabolic with INVASIVE treatment
- **OT:** Out of Time
- **FTC:** Failed to Complete

Endurance Vet Elim Codes	Authorized Vet Elimination Code at gate		
Position Status	1st HI	Gate 1-7	Final HI
FTQ	GA, ME, MI, GA+ME	GA, MI, CI, ME, ME TR, GA+ME, GA+ME TR, OT, FTC	GA, MI, CI, ME, ME TR, GA+ME, GA+ME TR, OT, FTC
RET	RET	RET	RET
WD	WD		
FNR			
DSQ	GA, ME, MI, GA+ME	GA, MI, CI, ME, ME TR, GA+ME, GA+ME TR, OT, FTC	GA, MI, CI, ME, ME TR, GA+ME, GA+ME TR, OT, FTC

ANNEX 4: FEI WORLD ENDURANCE RANKINGS 2016

Please find below the scale of points for the calculation of Rankings for Endurance:

Scale of points

For each ranking list, a rider obtains points depending on the place he obtained in the different competitions as described in the following table:

Place	CEI4* CH-M	CEI 4* G/CH- [Cont.]	CEI3*	CEI2*	CEI1*
1	200	160	120	80	40
2	195	156	117	78	39
3	190	152	114	76	38
4	185	148	111	74	37
5	180	144	108	72	36
6	175	140	105	70	35
7	170	136	102	68	34
8	165	132	99	66	33
9	160	128	96	64	32
10	155	124	93	62	31
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until	5	4	3	2	1

Calculating the rankings

The ranking is established by taking into account all the results of an Athlete, Athlete/Horse combination or Horse (depending on the ranking). Rankings are defined for a period of time that spans from 1 January until 31 December of the calendar year.

A minimum of 5 Athletes must start the relevant CEI in order for the CEI to deliver 100% of the available ranking points; if the CEI has less than 5 Athletes competing, the competing Athletes shall only be eligible to earn 50% of the otherwise available ranking points.

Dead heat: In the case of a Dead Heat being the decision of the GJ. Ranking points should be added together as if they had finished First Second and or Third and divided by the number of competitors in the dead heat.

**For example First 100 Points
Second 80 Points.
Third (if applicable) 60 points**

Making a total of 240 points divided by the number of horses in the Dead Heat in this instance 3 equals 80 points to each competitor in the Dead Heat.

At the end of the calendar year, Athletes that have incurred no EADCMR violation or no Penalty Points or no Yellow Warning Card, during the relevant calendar year will be awarded additional bonus ranking points, as follows:

***No EADCMR violation: 250 points**

No Penalty Points: 200 points

No Yellow Warning Card: 150 points

* For the avoidance of doubt, where an EADCMR violation occurs during a particular calendar year but the decision confirming the EADCMR violation is not issued until the following calendar year (or in the case of the Administrative Procedure, the PR does not accept the applicable sanctions until the following calendar year), the Athlete shall only be ineligible to receive the "No EADCMR violation" bonus points in the calendar year that the decision is issued (or in the case of the Administrative Procedure the calendar year that the PR accepts the sanction). For example, an Athlete commits an EADCMR violation in November 2016 but the FEI Tribunal does not issue its final decision confirming the violation until March 2017, the Athlete shall be eligible for the "NO EADCMR violation" bonus points in the 2016 calendar year but not in the 2017 calendar year.

Prizes and Awards for the Athletes

Prize Money (if existing) to be apportioned as follows:

1st place: 50% - 2nd place: 30% - 3rd place: 20%

Awards:

1st place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

Ambassador of «FEI Endurance Future»

Elite Status rider

Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships

(provided (i) the Athlete is not ineligible at the time of such championships and (ii) - the Athlete is selected and entered by his/her NF)

2nd place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

Elite Status

Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships

(provided (i) the Athlete is not ineligible at the time of such championships and (ii) - the Athlete is selected and entered by his/her NF)

3rd place:

FEI Medal or Trophy and certificate

Automatically Qualified for the FEI World Endurance Championships

(provided (i) the Athlete is not ineligible at the time of such championships and (ii) the Athlete is selected and entered by his/her NF)

Prizes and Awards for the Horse

Trophy and certificate "FEI Endurance Horse of the Year"

Prizes and Awards for the Combination

Trophy and certificate "FEI Endurance Combination of the Year"

Qualification for FEI World Endurance Championships (provided (i) the combination is not ineligible at the time of such championships and (ii) the combination is selected and entered by the NF)

Notes:

- 1- "Ambassador of Endurance Future", "Elite Status", and "Qualifications for FEI Championships" are just for the consecutive year, from 1st January to 31st December.**
- 2- The awarded points work on a cumulative basis, the Athlete can earn up to 600 bonus ranking points.**